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Thursday, February 2, 2017
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Students matter as individuals. Learning in Kindergarten helps them to become more self-aware and understand their own thinking and feelings.

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Art theatre needs another $1.4 million.

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Cultural understanding

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Fort Erie resident Doryne Levere speaks with Zahid Abid, who is with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, at the Fort Erie Public Library on Saturday The organization hosted an Islam Understood opan house at the Centennial branch library, as part of a nationwide campaign to remove misunderstandings around Islam and to create bridges of peace.

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Fundraising continues for artist theatre

KRIS DUBE
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The fundraising campaign behind a new arts theatre in Fort Erie has about 20 months left to find another $1.4 million it needs to reach its goal.

The $3-million catalyst for creativity will have one third of its cost paid for by the Town of Fort Erie and the District School Board of Niagara, but the remaining $2 million is the responsability of the community and the group leading the Embrace Greatness campaign.

The theatre is planned to be built at Greater Fort Erie Secondary School, which will open in September.

Fred Louws, chair of the fundraising committee as well as the new high school's principal, said the amount collected to date is just shy of $600,000

"It's where we're at - we'd love to have it all raised at this point in time," he said in a recent interview

There are several other "irons in the fire" and potential donations Louws and his team are waiting on, he said.

"That $600,000 represents a tot of hard work from our committee," said Louws

Last May, a major fundraiser was held at the Leisureplex for the cause 'Hollywood North - Party on the Patio' featured all types of local musicians and was hosted by Fort Erie native Les Trent, a senior correspondent for *Inside Edition*, a news program on CBS.

The event raised more than $20,000

On May 20, 'Hollywood North - Fire and Ice' will be held and scheduled to coincide with the closing ceremonies for Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School and Fort Erie Secondary School. Donations can also be made through the Embrace Greatness website. Contributions of $50 and more are being accepted

"Whatever folks can afford - that's the beauty of this campaign," said Louws.

Naming rights of the theatre will also be granted to any organization or individual who donates $500,000

The campaign officially kicked off in summer 2015 when the E.J. Freeland Foundation made a contribution of $75,000

KRIS DUBE/SPECIAL TO POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Embrace Greatness campaign chair Fred Louws recently accepted a $3,000-donation from the Fort Erie Rotary Club, presented by Pauline Petek.

Town commits $100,000 toward recreational trail connection

A gap in Fort Erie's recreational trail system is about to be filled with a $500,000 improvement.

At Monday's council-in-committee meeting, a partnership between the Town of Fort Erie and the Niagara Parks Commission was officially approved – moving forward with a cost-sharing plan to connect the path along the Niagara Parkway, between the Riverwalk site and Bowen Road

The three-kilometre stretch of work will include a new off-road path for walking and cycling and a signed bicycle route on a shared roadway

The municipality's contribution to the project is $100,000 and the Niagara Parks Commission will commit $150,000 on top of the $250,000 coming from the provincial government's Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure Program, a $10-million endeavour launched in 2015.

Council spending $56,000 on organizational review of fire and emergency services

An organizational review of local fire and emergency services has been determined necessary by the town and council approved spending more than $56,000 on the process at Monday's council-in-committee meeting.

A request for proposal was issued last September and six firms replied with estimates. Council approved staff's recommendation to hire Pomax Consulting Inc.

Recreational vehicle owners with small driveways given relief

There are new rules in town for recreational vehicle owners

Discussions on where and for how long residents are permitted to park their large campers began in the summer and on Monday a few regulations were endorsed by council.

There is already a variety of regulations in place ranging from prohibition of recreational vehicles in residential zones to permitting the storage of recreational vehicles up to 1.5 metres from the front property line as of right

Recreational vehicles may be parked in the front yard of residential dwellings (other than apartment buildings) as long as they are a minimum of 4.5 metres from the front lot line and are outside of a 10.5-metre daylighting triangle on corner lots, according to the report approved Monday by council.

It was determined that people whose driveway and lot sizes don't allow them to adhere to these guidelines can have their motorhomes parked on six occasions a year for no more than 72 hours at a time

It was clarified by planning director Rick Brady that the three-day window begins once a complaint is filed to the town about a recreational vehicle being parked or stored illegally

Showing the world 'what the other side is like'

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community educating others about the Islamic faith

RAY SPITERI
Postmedia Network

The atrocities and acts of violence carried out by terrorists around the world have created misunderstandings around Islam, says imam Hanan Sobhi.

That's why it's more important than ever for Muslims to reach out to non-Muslims and educate them about the true teachings of the Islamic faith, said the spokesman for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

He said while there is plenty of news about terrorist attacks perpetrated by Muslims or people who claim to carry out such acts in the name of Islam, "we want to show the world what the other side is like."

"There are 1.6 billion Muslims in the world. There's a reason that we all adhere to this religion, because we find our peace in it," said Sobhi.

A nationwide campaign called Islam Understood came to Fort Erie last weekend.

An educational open house took place Saturday afternoon at the Centennial Branch of Fort Erie Public Library.

It's one of 150 open houses that will take place across Canada this year, with 300 visits planned for more than 40 towns across the country.

The campaign was launched by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, a non-profit charitable organization that is present in more than 206 countries with 86 chapters throughout Canada.

Officials with the community spoke to visitors Saturday, while there were a number of educational brochures, pamphlets and books.

Fort Erie resident Doryne Levere attended the open house because, as a Christian, she said she wanted to learn more about Islam and how it's similar and different from her faith.

"Basically they're the same, but with two different points of view," she said after speaking with organization officials.

Levere said it's important to understand different religions, especially since "there is so much conflict about religions."

"People need to know exactly what these religions represent and what they do and don't have to say. I wanted to know about Islam because even in church it's brought up and I need to know, exactly from them, why they are so vehement about their faith."

While some people have reached out to Muslims to learn more about Islam, others have developed a fear of Islam and, in turn, Muslims, according to the organization.

The fear, called Islamophobia, has created a rise in hate crimes, hateful rhetoric and unconventional policies across the world.

Islamophobia is largely a result of a lack of education and misunderstandings of the teachings of the faith, according to the group.

The name of the religion itself translates to peace. Islam is a religion that gives rights to everyone, no matter the faith, the right to practice their own faith, rejects compulsion in religion, promotes separation of church and state and upholds the rights of women.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has been reaching out to different communities across Canada for decades to educate the public about the true teachings of Islam, including programs and Qur'an open houses.

"The women in our community, in our organization, they have held programs for non-Muslim women to give them an understanding about what Muslim women really are like," said Sobhi.

"Similarly, we've held (events about) what Islam teaches about Jesus Christ. We try to build bridges in our common beliefs and our commonalities."

He said while there's extensive media coverage about terrorist attacks carried out by Muslims, peace symposiums organized by Muslims don't receive the same coverage.

"This is why we try to show the other side of Islam, and this is the reason why we do these programs. Sometimes people ask why isn't the Muslim community coming out and holding an event or a public rally. This is our way of showing that we are doing these things."

Sobhi said non-Muslims who attend the events usually provide "very good sentiments" to organizers because "they see what the real teachings of the Quran, the holy book of Islam, are about — what the real teachings of Muhammad, who is the holy founder of our religion, are about."

He said once people understand the real teachings of Islam, "their misconceptions are removed."

"They often say, 'We hold similar values, if not the same values, being human beings, being Canadians.'"

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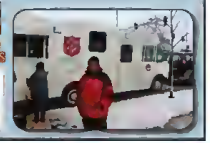

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The Fort Erie Meteors in action at the Leisureplex last Saturday.

Meteors loss won't hold them back

KRIS DUBE
Special to Postmedia network

Both of the Fort Erie Meteors' last two games were blowouts

On Jan. 10, the Jr. B squad crossed the border and beat the Buffalo Regals 6-3

Last Saturday, Fort Erie was on the receiving end of a 5-0 walloping from the St. Catharines Falcons.

Asked for his thoughts on last weekend's shutout loss, head coach Todd Clayton said the first period had lots of end to end action with good chances by both teams, despite the final score.

"In the second period, we made a few costly mistakes which ended up in our net and their goalie made some key stops," he said.

The Meteors visit Niagara Falls on Friday night and will welcome the Thorold Blackhawks on Saturday night at the Leisureplex for the usual 7:15 p.m. puck drop.

Interim fire chief sworn in

Keith German has been sworn in as Fort Erie's interim fire chief

Deputy chief since 2004 and a member of the local fire department since 1994, he announced his retirement last November, which was planned to be effective by April of this year.

German and his wife also own a local paint and home décor store on Garrison Road, which he said he would be focusing on once he officially turned of his scanner.

However, in late December, the town of Fort Erie announced chief Larry Coplen was no longer employed as the head of the fire service and that the process to replace him would begin immediately.

The Times will be covering this story as more information becomes available.

Crashing circumstances

KRIS DUBE/SPECIAL TO POSTMEDIA NETWORK

At a Stanton Street address in Fort Erie, a large tree crashed atop two cars and nearly a home during last Wednesday morning's wind storm. The Fort Erie Fire Department also responded to multiple calls around town related to arcing power lines during the very early hours of the morning.

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Point of View

Blizzard of '77 remembered

"Where were you?" Tops the list of questions linked to historical events.

When the blizzard of 1977 hit us, Fort Erie residents faced a variety of odd situations. Mana, the Fort Erie Public Library's business administrator, was nearly stuck on the drive home from her Buffalo workplace. She recalls her husband at the wheel and driver and passenger windows open. They followed a truck over the Peace Bridge to steal what little visibility there was. The customs officer waved them right past the inspection booth, forgoing questions.

My parents took in three high school students who had nowhere to go when Fort Erie Secondary School closed its doors. Others have told me they would have been stuck at their places of employment had they waited any longer to journey home. Unfortunately, I have no blizzard story of my own as I wouldn't be born for another four years.

For those who experienced the storm, these stories offer the chance to commiserate, but also to reminisce about the challenges and craziness of it all. It would seem unbelievable to anyone who wasn't there. Those of us who either didn't live in Fort Erie or were not born yet may see the Blizzard of '77 as a curiosity, an urban legend. Yarns about the Blizzard of '77 can go on and on.

The celebration of a weather-related disaster may seem unusual. After all, there couldn't have been anything pleasant about it. People's safety was compromised. Some may have felt very uncomfortable in their circumstances. Those who travelled anywhere in the storm would have been grateful to make it home. However, they were resilient enough to survive it. They rose to a considerable occasion.

We celebrate a community's resilience when we observe the anniversary of the Blizzard of '77. In addition to the wonder of the storm's 10 foot drifts, an equally sizeable amount of gumption was needed to dig out and return to life as usual.

This year being the storm's fortieth anniversary, the Fort Erie Public Library will present a public program on the Blizzard of '77. Local historian and author of the book White Death, Erno Rossi will give a talk at the Crystal Ridge branch Wednesday, beginning at 7 p.m. This will allow those who experienced the storm along with those who have only heard the legends to learn a little more. Rossi will also have copies of his book and DVD for sale. To mark the anniversary, a photo exhibition supplied by the Fort Erie Historical Museum will be on display in the Freeland Room of the Crystal Ridge branch from January 23 to February 17.

You don't have to wait for the program to partake in the celebration, though. The Fort Erie Public Library offers information about the Blizzard of '77 in its collection. Drop into the Centennial branch or check out our local history database at www.fepl.ca/localhistory to find out more.

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A reminder to spellers in Grade 3 through to Grade 8 that there are just a few days left to sign up for the Spelling Bee! There is a gift bag for every entrant, prizes for the top two places in each age group, and fun for everyone, spellers and spectators alike.

For more information on programs, collections and services at the library, visit our website www.fepl.ca, or find us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter or Instagram.

This week's library column was written by Derek Clendening, information service assistant.

Do You Remember?

Unfortunetely we received neither e cell nor en e-meil ebout last week's photo of the little tobogganer, so it will go back into our unidentified people binder here at the Museum. This week's photo was teken inside Irvin Air Chute. Do you remember either of these two women? If so, please call the Museum at 905-894-5322 or send us en e-mail - museum@forterie.ca.

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Vomiting pet could require immediate veterinary care

Vomiting is one of the most common reasons pets are brought in by their owners for a visit with their veterinarian.

A day does not go by in my veterinary hospital that we are not dealing with a vomiting animal. Usually an owner witnesses the vomiting episode, but other times the pile of vomitus is found later, either visually or by someone's bare feet — not an uncommon occurrence.

Vomiting must be differentiated from regurgitation. Vomiting is preceded by a period of nausea and restlessness, followed by retching before any stomach contents are produced.

Cats especially are very dramatic with yowling and full body retching, which can levitate an owner out of bed in an instance in the middle of the night. You really need to be a cat owner to appreciate the performance!

Partially digested food with saliva and bile will be produced when an animal vomits.

Regurgitation produces undigested food material, sometimes directly from the esophagus, immediately after eating, and will often occur fairly quietly in dogs. The food is usually immediately brought back up.

Your pet may attempt to eat regurgitated food, but will walk away from actual vomited material.

The difference is important to understand so your veterinarian can narrow down the possible cause.

Always have a close look at the contents that are vomited so you can describe it accurately to your veterinarian.

If the vomitus is black, like coffee grounds, this can indicate bleeding in the stomach (digested blood).

Are there flecks of fresh blood in it? Is there bile? Are there pieces of an unusual material in the vomitus, like plant material or plastic or bones?

Photos or videos also help when trying to determine the cause of the vomiting.

Your veterinarian will ask you questions on how long the vomiting has been going on, the frequency of vomiting, what the diet is, and if there has been any diet change. Be sure to mention if the pet has been given any over-the-counter meds, or if the pet could have or was seen eating anything unusual, including possible medications that members of the household are on.

One of the most common causes of vomiting is dietary indiscretion, commonly referred to as "garbage gut," especially in dogs.

Did your pet have access to the trash, compost pile, mushrooms, neighbouring yards or farms, or recently dumped items (like grease from a kitchen, or mouldy bread tossed for the birds)?

Dogs and cats allowed to roam unfortunately have a greater chance of eating incorrect items, and it may be more difficult to diagnose the source.

Foreign material can cause an irritation to the stomach, which results in gastritis (gastro, meaning stomach; itis, meaning inflammation).

Foreign objects can cause an obstruction at either the level of the stomach or further along in the small intestine. Pets that have obstructions will repeatedly vomit and regurgitate food and water immediately after attempting to eat.

Cats are attracted to eating linear objects such as thread, yarn and straight needles. Yes, they actually attempt to swallow straight needles, which can become embedded in the mouth, esophagus, stomach or anywhere along the intestinal tract.

Dogs on the other hand will swallow just about anything — small rubber balls, plastic toys and clothing articles (including socks, pantyhose and underwear) are the most common, but rocks, corn cobs and coins are seen as well.

Vomiting is not just associated with problems with the stomach and intestines, but there may be a problem with one of the internal organs like the pancreas, liver or kidney.

The list of causes of vomiting is long.

Along with a physical examination, diagnostic tests may be necessary.

Bloodwork, urinalysis, X-rays and ultrasound can all be utilized, and help to pinpoint the cause and the proper treatment.

In-hospital intravenous fluids and medications are the best treatment, since a vomiting animal cannot keep anything down orally and is often dehydrated.

Vomiting can be a serious clinical sign of a problem that is happening inside your pet. Do not wait — call your veterinarian for advice.

Domestic pets are like children and dehydrate very rapidly once vomiting starts and water cannot stay down. There are some medical conditions that cause chronic vomiting that are not life-threatening but still need medical management.

More frequently, vomiting is a sign of a serious problem and early intervention is always the best.

We have all experienced nausea and vomiting due to the flu or other causes, and we know how distressing it can be. Your pet will feel the same.

Pets do not vocalize their discomfort and may seem to be just quiet after a vomiting episode. Don't wait too long: early intervention with vomiting is always the best.

— Ron Mergl is a veterinarian with a practice in Niagara Falls.

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Gabba Gabba Hey, a Ramone heading to Falls Comic Con

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The Niagara Falls Comic Con will beat on the brat this June.

Marky Ramone, a 15-year member of punk legends The Ramones, has been announced for all three days of the sixth annual Comic Con, June 2 to 4 at Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls.

"This is the first time we're bringing in a musician to the event as a celebrity guest, and the response has been huge," says co-organizer and co-founder Chris Dabrowski.

"This won't be the last appearance by a rock legend at Comic Con."

While not an original member, Marky (real name Marc Steven Bell) replaced drummer Tommy in 1978, in time to record The Ramones' classic fourth album *Road to Ruin*.

He played with the band for five years, appearing with them in the cheesy musical *Rock and Roll High School*, before he was asked to leave in 1983 because of a drinking problem.

He returned clean and sober four years later and was The Ramones' drummer until their retirement in 1996. He played more than 1,700 shows and recorded 10 albums with the band.

He's one of only three surviving members of The Ramones through the years. The original lineup (Joey, Johnny, Dee Dee and Tommy) all died between 2001 and 2014. He, along with the original four members, were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2002.

Among other bands Ramone has drummed for are the Misfits, Dust, and Richard Hell & The Voidoids.

Dabrowski is thrilled to bring punk rock royalty to town.

"If you grew up in the '80s or '90s, there's no doubt you've heard a song by The Ramones," he says. "Even today they are played heavily on-air — they're music icons."

Other confirmed guests for Comic Con include Peter Mayhew (Chewbacca), horror legend Robert Englund (*A Nightmare on Elm Street*), Barbara Eden (*I Dream of Jeannie*), Jason Mewes (*Clerks*), Seth Gilliam (*The Walking Dead*) and wrestlers Sting, Kevin Nash and Scott Hall.

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Highway congestion not an issue in Niagara: CAA study

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Rush-hour traffic only adds five to six minutes to daily drive times on certain highway stretches in Niagara, according to a new study by the Canadian Automobile Association.

The study, which focuses on highway traffic, is the first of its kind undertaken nationally by CAA.

"As you might suspect, the study confirms Niagara enjoys substantially fewer traffic snarls than other municipalities," said Rick Mauro, CAA Niagara's vice-president of marketing and public relations.

"It's fair to say that Niagara's rush hour is really just rush minutes. In Toronto, traffic congestion adds 36 minutes to the daily commute. We're lucky we don't have to battle heavy highway congestion every day."

The CAA study, Grinding to a Halt, Evaluating Canada's Worst Bottlenecks, confirmed these statistics for Niagara.

Highway congestion between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. adds six minutes to the commute along Highway 405, Stanley Avenue to Queenston-Lewiston Bridge, QEW, Gilmore Road to Peace Bridge, QEW, between Lake Street and Niagara Street.

Highway congestion between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. adds five minutes to the commute along Highway 405, Stanley Avenue to Queenston-Lewiston Bridge, QEW, Gilmore Road to Peace Bridge.

According to the study, congestion and traffic bottlenecks are the biggest contributors to road delay, far outpacing traffic accidents, bad weather and construction.

Traffic is also a major source of stress for Canadians. Canada's top 20 traffic bottlenecks are in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver and Quebec City and collectively cost drivers more than 11.5-million hours of their time every year and burn an extra 287 million litres of fuel per year.

"Congestion can play a negative impact on the quality of life," said Alex Pedersen, public relations co-ordinator for CAA Niagara.

"Because in Niagara we don't have that congestion, people are spending less time in their cars, meaning they're able to be more productive at work, but they're also able to spend more time outside of work with their families. They're getting home at a relatively decent hour."

Being virtually free of highway traffic congestion "definitely contributes to a higher level of productivity," said Mauro.

"I know that when I have those occasions where I need to go into Toronto and I need to bring my car, your state of mind is completely different if you come by car and you're stuck in congestion," he said.

Mauro said he and Pedersen "had the pleasure" of re-locating back to Niagara for work from the Greater Toronto Area, so they're no strangers to how congestion can snarl traffic.

Pedersen said it's no surprise Toronto has more bottlenecks since it has a larger population.

"There are also more jobs in Toronto, so you're finding that more people are commuting from the Hamilton area to Toronto, which causes congestion and bottlenecks as well," she said.

Mauro said the short piece of the QEW in St. Catharines, as well as those entrance areas to the international bridges, were the only areas where CAA found congestion along Niagara highways.

He said the study focused only on highways and didn't include traffic on municipal and regional roads.

Mauro said another study focusing on non-highway areas is "definitely something that bears reviewing."

"For this study, given its breadth, that just was something that wasn't possible."

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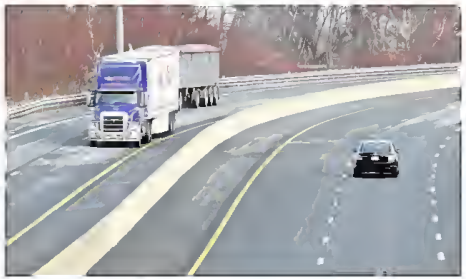

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A study by the Canadian Automobile Association says Niagara enjoys substantially fewer traffic snarls than other municipalities The stretch along Highway 405, Stanley Avenue to Queenston-Lewiston Bridge was part of that study.

Health Corner

Is a Crown permanent?

Recently I have met a patient who became a new patient in our office. She moved recently from other area and was in our office for a comprehensive examination. Upon an examination, I have noticed that one of her crowns has decay underneath. I told the patient of the fact and recommended a replacement in order to prevent further destruction.

Her reaction to my findings was much unexpected. She became very upset because she thought her crown which she spent a lot of money on should be permanent. I had to explain that this is not the case and I discuss what I am about to discuss here with you. Thankfully, she understood the situation.

When a tooth is filled with large filling, the tooth becomes weak. Several studies show that a tooth with a large filling tends to fracture or crack (Sometimes catastrophically) 3-4 times more likely. Because of this dentists recommend crowns on teeth with large fillings. That is a standard recommendation from most dentists.

Unfortunately a crown is not permanent. Though it is a best treatment modality available to protect weak teeth, there are many reasons why a crown needs replacement sometime later. One of the frequent reasons is decay under the crown. Although a well fitted crown seals the tooth remarkably well compared to

Dr. John Inigo

fillings there is small gap between a crown and a tooth (Gap is bigger between a filling and the tooth typically) We call this gap a margin.

In most cases, margin of a crown is not visible or detectable easily. However on average, crown margin is of 50 microns in size. Typical cavity causing bacteria have size of 5 micron. That means you can fit 10 bacteria in any crown margin.

So yes, the crown can get re-decayed. We call this recurrent caries. And sometime there is not much a dentist can do about it because it is really up to patient's regular maintenance (such as brushing and more importantly flossing) to remove those bacteria daily and to avoid or reduce the sugar which bacteria consume to cause tooth decay.

Additionally your dentist can often detect any decay under crown during your regular hygiene appointments when still small so in that way, it can be either repaired or replaced before the decay eats away all the remaining tooth structure under the crown.

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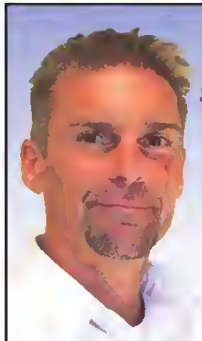

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Hydro merger savings to take at least three years

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It will take at least three years for customers to see savings from the merger of three Ontario utilities, the head of the new company says.

Brian Bentz, CEO of Alectra — the company formed by the merger of Horizon Utilities, Enersource and PowerStream — said hydro bills will drop an average of $40, but it will take time before that happens.

"Certainly, that is not something that will happen on Day 1," said Bentz.

"The merger allows us to find internal efficiencies which reduce costs, and that will be passed onto customers. But those efficiencies take time to put into place."

The merger of the three utilities to form Alectra will take effect on Feb. 1, and the new utility is set to close a deal to purchase Hydro One Brampton on Feb. 28.

Horizon Utilities currently serves St. Catharines.

Bentz said the first change customers will notice is the new Alectra logo on their bills.

"The Horizon logo will be on there, and customers will notice the Alectra logo their bills as well," Bentz said last Monday. "That will continue for a few months and then we will drop the Horizon logo."

Bentz said the merger will allow the new utility to find cost savings by reducing duplication and consolidating departments like human resources and IT. However, that process will take a few years to complete, he said.

Alectra, the company said, will serve 15 communities including St. Catharines, Hamilton, Mississauga and Richmond Hill.

In a press release, Alectra said it will be the second largest municipally owned electric utility in North America, second to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

The Ontario Energy Board approved the merger last December.

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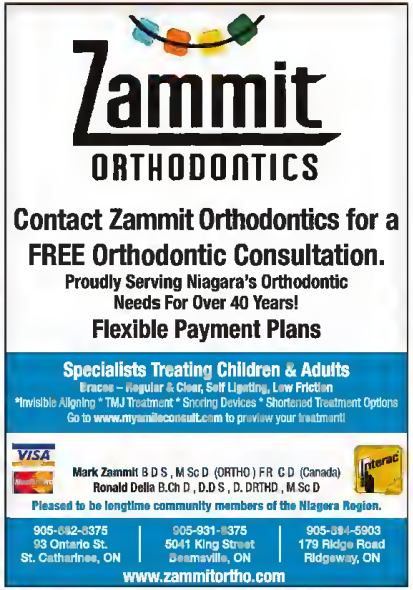
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Snow forecast for museum

JOHN LAW
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Clark Bernat, Culture & Museums manager, and museum staff will be getting ready to set up the latest exhibition Snow. The first exhibition of its kind in Canada, Snow is interactive and opens at the Niagara Falls History Museum on Jan. 26. The exhibit will feature over 400 digital photos and many artifacts such as boots made of sealskin, and eyeglasses made from walrus ivory.

We curse it. We shovel it. Most days, we do everything possible to avoid it.

No doubt, Canadians and snow have a complicated relationship but as a touring Canadian Museum of History exhibition shows, the white stuff is part of who we are.

Snow, opening at the Niagara Falls History Museum Jan. 26, is an interactive exhibition showing the country's love/hate relationship with its cold weather. Using about 150 artifacts and documents, from sealskin boots to ivory eyeglasses dating back to 1300, it shows how Canadians across the centuries have adapted to winter.

"It's almost like Christmas to us," says Clark Bernat, the city's manager of Museums and Culture, about the hefty content of the touring show. "We know what's coming, but until you see it in real life, you don't really know everything.

"As kids we always talk about snow goggles and snowshoes, but just the wonderful artwork that's involved in some of the early Inuit and First Nations objects are really neat pieces."

The show takes on extra significance in Niagara, opening just two days before the 40th anniversary of the Blizzard of '77.

The country's resilience in the face of storms is part of what inspired the exhibition, according to Bianca Gendreau, the Canadian Museum of History's manager of Contemporary Canada and the World.

"Snow has left its mark on our struggle to survive," she says in the exhibition program, "and has become a key element of Canadian cultural identity."

"The artifacts and documents chosen represent how we deal with the challenge of snowy winters today," adds Niagara Falls History Museum curator Suzanne Moase, "as well as how we have coped with snow and adapted our lifestyles around it in the past."

The exhibition will also utilize more than 400 digital photos and captions contributed by Canadians from across the country.

"That's the thing with this topic," says Bernat. "People of all nationalities, all backgrounds, all ages can identity with the artifacts that are going to be in this show.

"The big concept is something we can all sort of relate to."

To coincide with the exhibition, the museum will offer a free winter-themed film series, starting with the Coen brothers classic Fargo Jan. 26. It continues with Encounters at the End of the World Feb. 9, Cool Runnings Feb. 23, Frozen River March 9 and McCabe and Mrs. Miller March 23. All screenings start at 7 p.m.

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WHAT: Snow
WHERE Niagara Falls History Museum 5810 Ferry Street, Niagara Falls
WHEN Jan. 26 to April 16
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Pink hats needed for women's rights march

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The YWCA is organizing a march Saturday, simultaneously with the Women's March on Washington to give voice to women's rights. Tuesday January 10, 2017 Left to right, Erion Good, Jennifer Bonato, Nicki Inch, Elisabeth Zimmermann and Kaitlyn Samways Locally they are hoping to make 200 knitted pink hats 100 of which will be sent to Washington

CHERYL CLOCK
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The knitted pink hats with cat ears have a powerful message.

A message about speaking out against misogyny. And about the inequities that still exist in the lives of women around the world. The hats will be worn, locally at a march in St. Catharines to be held simultaneously with the Women's March on Washington, on Saturday, Jan. 21 — not so coincidentally the day after president-elect Donald Trump is sworn into office.

The march is about uniting to assert that women's rights are human rights.

Giving voice to a message that a diverse community means strength, says Nicki Inch, fund development co-ordinator at the YWCA Niagara Region.

The YWCA is co-ordmating the local march which begins at St. Catharines City Hall at 10 a.m.

The group of women will march to St. Catharines MP Chris Bittle's office, where marchers will listen to a series of speakers, as well as have a chance to speak up themselves, says Inch.

In the days leading up to the march, the hope is to have local women knit or crochet some 200 pink hats.

Local organizers are hoping to draw at least 100 women to the march. They will each wear a pink hat, a symholic gesture of unity, she says.

The other 100 hats will be sent to Washington, to be worn by women in the march there, as a show of solidarity, says Inch It's a way for Niagara women to contribute to an objective of the Washington march, to have every woman there wearing a pink hat, says Inch.

Woman are also able to send a note of support with their hats.

The hats will make for a powerful, visual statement. A sea of pink. Together, united, says Inch.

Patterns for the hats are found on the project's website – The Pussyhat Project. And yes, its name is a play on words, reclaiming a derogatory term for female genitalia as a means of empowerment.

Laura Ip, resource development co-ordinator at the YWCA, said the march is a statement of support for all women

"It's an opportunity for women to take leadership and responsibility and have a voice," she says

"We won't be complacent. When we feel our rights are threatened we will stand up for them."

"It's collaborative and about celebrating sisterhood," says Inch.

"I'm proud to be living in a country where this sort of behaviour is looked down up," she says.

"I'm very grateful we live in a community that feels this is wrong."

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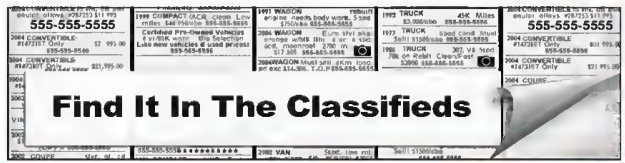
Pink hats and woman's rights march

For more information on the march, contact Laura Ip, resource development co-ordinator at the YWCA at lip@ywcaniagararegion.ca. Hats need to be collected at the YWCA St. Catharines office, by Wednesday, Jan. 18. More information can be found of Facebook, Women's March on Washington – Niagara.



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Region makes hefty commitment to Games bid

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It's not often you can get a room full of Regional politicians to agree on something, but a request to fund Niagara's bid for the 2021 Canada Games received unanimous approval last Wednesday.

The Region's Corporate Services Committee gave their support to the bid in the form of a $10.35 million commitment should the application be successful.

"Today was an important part of this process," Doug Hamilton, chair of the local Games committee said after the meeting. "You have the 12 municipalities contributing each in their own way. The Region is the 13th player on the team, if you want to call it that. It's the biggest player because we are bidding as Niagara."

Three other Ontario regions — Ottawa, Sudbury, and Kitchener-Waterloo-Cambridge — are also in the running for the 2021 Games.

The bids have to submitted by the end of January. The Canada Games Council will make its decision at the end of March.

The bid evaluation committee is scheduled to visit Niagara on March 1.

"The only risk I see is the bid not being successful," Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati said. "It's a great opportunity."

Caslin said the funding approval shows Canada Games officials that Niagara is completely committed to the bid.

"We can't forget we are in a competition here," he said.

The provincial and federal governments have each promised to put up $10.35 million.

The Region's funding package is broken down into a number of parts. It includes a $3-million capital commitment, to be raised with a debenture. There is also a $4-million operating commitment — funded annually at $1 million over the four years, 2018 to 2021.

The money will also support legacy projects related to the Canada Games. That's the key for Hamilton.

"It's a two-week festival, but the importance is what happens after the games are over," he said. "That's the exciting part for me. It's all about creating a legacy in Niagara. There will be really important sport infrastructure improvements across the Region, and there will be programs that benefit all ages and abilities right up to seniors."

Local municipalities, and other public sector partners, such as post-secondary institutions, have pledged funding for operating and capital budgets of about $6 million, in a blend of in-kind and cash commitments.

The games are the country's largest multi-sport event for young Canadian amateur athletes.

Past participants include Sidney Crosby, Steve Nash, Catriona Le May Doan, Eugenie Bouchard, Andre De Grasse, Russell Martin, Hayley Wickenheiser and Adam Van Koeverden.

The Niagara Sport Commission projects the games to have an economic impact, at a low end, of $180 million with support for 1,100 jobs, and $57 million in salaries and wages.

Should Niagara be successful in its bid, the event will draw 4,600 athletes across 17 different sports, including officials, trainers, and support staff.

It will include about 80 hours of national television coverage (TSN/RDS), and attract about 30,000 visitors.

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Doug Hamilton makes a presentation to a Regional Council committee about Niagara's bid for the Canada Summer Games.

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Deadly drug seized in St. Catharines

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A drug causing havoc and death in other parts of Canada appears to have made its way to St. Catharines.

Niagara Regional Police officers Monday seized a bag of powder believed to be carfentanil.

Carfentanil is 100 times more potent than fentanyl and is commonly used to tranquilize elephants.

The NRP's street crime unit was searching for a suspect and found the drug when the officers arrested him at a hotel in St. Catharines.

Police sent a sample of the suspected carfentanil to Health Canada for confirmation.

The drug has been showing up across Canada, predominantly out West, but has been found recently in cities as close as Hamilton and Kitchener.

Even a few grains can be lethal.

In cities where the drug has been found, hospital officials have instructed staff to wear protective equipment — including a face shield, mask, double gloves and gown — when dealing with a suspected carfentanil overdose.

Hospital staff must remove the patient's clothes and immediately double-bag them. They then have to wipe down the patient's body using cold water to clean up any remaining drug residue, a technique typically used when dealing with highly infectious diseases.

What's worse, typical naloxone kits that save lives in opioid overdoses aren't enough when it comes to carfentanil.

Jeffrey Thompson, 34, of St. Catharines has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking, possession of a controlled substance and failure to comply with his recognizance.

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Mike Konderka, from left, Paul Turner, Christina Lajeunesse and Jim Larouche prepare for the Julia's Hope Cup Pond Hockey tournament happening Saturday, Feb. 4, at Chippawa Park in Welland. If the weather remains balmy for this time of year, ball hockey will be played instead.

Julia's Hope Cup needs teams

ALLAN BENNER
Postmedia network

There will be a lot more than hockey happening at Chippawa Park during the sixth annual Julia's Hope Cup tournament.

Family activities and events have been added to coincide with the event taking place Saturday, Feb. 4, on the ice of Chippawa Park Pond — or ball hockey in the parking lot if the winter ice has failed to return.

"There's a traditional aspect to it," organizer Paul Turner said of the cup classic. "A lot of us older guys, we played on this pond growing up. But we're combining it with raising awareness for homelessness, as well as money going to Hope Centre."

With the "carnival-like atmosphere" of the tournament, held in memory of Turner's daughter Julia, who died from cancer in 2011, he said organizers are hoping to get as many people participating in the actual games as possible. And registration fees shouldn't be a deterrent.

Although it costs $100 per adult or $50 for students, Turner said participants can pay that fee by getting pledges rather than breaking the bank.

"It's not $100 our of your pocket. You can get 10 people to sponsor you at $10 each," Turner said.

Welland Minor Hockey is getting involved by bringing children six to 12 years old into the game at $25 per player.

"Hopefully, we get 30 or 40 minor hockey players, too."

Pledge forms are available at Hope Centre on King Street, the F.E. Coyne Insurance office on Division Street, at Notre Dame College School on Smith Street and at M.T. Bellies restaurant on Niagara Street.

Turner said teams are put together by choosing names from a hat, to make the tournament as competitive as possible.

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Julia's Hope Cup needs teams

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"It's not like you can come in with a stacked team to win the cup."

While the hockey games are underway, there will be plenty of action to keep people busy off the rink.

Chefs Anna and Mike Olson will be preparing gourmet hot chocolate, Niagara College students will be serving chili, and pea-meal bacon sandwiches will be served by M.T. Belhes owner John Clark. Baked beans will be supplied by Club Richelieu, Tim Hortons coffee will be poured, and there will be a pig roast and barbecued sausage.

"There's tons of food," Turner said. "We want people to play, but we also want the families to come out."

There will also be children's activities and games, a silent auction and tobogganing on the park hill if there's snow.

"We want that whole carnival-like atmosphere," he said.

If it gets too cold, the Chippawa Park Community Centre will be open to give people a place to warm up.

"The city always does a wonderful job for us. They always take care of the ice and they help us out with the community centre," Turner said.

Hope Centre fund developer Christina Lajeunesse called it the event the "great Canadian game."

Considering the numerous sponsors involved, she said it shows "once again how generous the community of Welland is."

"They're coming out to support not only Hope Centre but each other for a fun day," Lajeunesse said. "It's nice because where else can you play pond hockey?"

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Several high-profile cases going to court this year

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Niagara cocaine kingpin Nick Nero, aviation heir Dellen Millard and lawyer Demitry Papastiriou come from strikingly-different backgrounds but all face sensational Toronto murder trials that will dominate headlines in 2017

And two of these trials will start on the same unforgettable date: Sept. 11.

Nero is accused of orchestrating a broad-daylight gangland hit by alleged assassin Dean Wiwchar, 28, on Johnnie Raposo, 35

The victim was watching a televised soccer game in Little Italy in June 2012 when a gunman shot him.

Nero, 40, is already serving a 22-year prison term for masterminding a scheme in which bundreds of kilos of cocaine were imported into Canada while he was on parole for drug and other charges.

ERICA BAJER/POSTMEDIA FILE PHOTO

Nick Nero is taken away by police after being arrested in Niagara-on-the-Lake, in this 2012 file photo.

"Mr Nero made a mockery of our parole system" by leading a sophisticated organization that brought cocaine by air, road and sea while he was living in a St. Catharines halfway house, Justice John McMahon said when he sentenced Nero in October 2014.

Nero's co-accused Martino Caputo — serving a lengthy prison sentence as his second-in-command — is also facing a first-degree murder charge in Raposo's death.

They go on trial in March.

Millard, 31, and co-accused Mark Smich, 29, will go on trial starting Sept. 11 for allegedly murdering Laura Babcock in July 2012.

Both Millard and Smich are already serving life sentences for murdering Tim Bosma, who accompanied his killers on a test drive in the truck he was trying to sell in May 2013.

Once an heir to Millardair, Dellen Millard is now broke and the family business is grounded. He has applied to Legal Aid to finance his defence

Another murder trial starting on Sept. 11 allegedly involves a bizarre love triangle.

The Crown alleges a lawyer in Greece convinced his lover to kill his estranged husband in Toronto — all to collect $2 million in life insurance.

Lawyer Demitry Papasotiriou-Lanteigne, 36, and his lover Michael Ivesic will face first-degree murder charges in the March 2011 beating death of University of Toronto accounting clerk Allan Lanteigne, 49, in an Ossington Avenue home.

Papasotiriou-Lanteigne was arrested for first-degree murder 20 months after the slaying when he returned to Canada for court proceedings linked to his claim for the life insurance payout.

A few months later, Ivezic was arrested in Greece and extradited to Canada.

Toronto Police allege the men were having an affair and planned the murder

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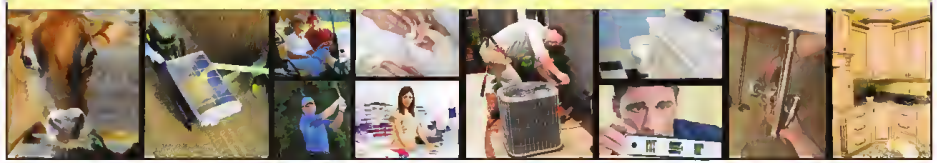

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GARRISON LITTLE THEATRE/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

The cast of I Hate Hamlet during a rehearsal.

SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

A number of Aero-safe Technologies employees obtained employment after graduating from Fort Erie Secondary School's High Skills Major program. From left is Dave Devinney, FESS teacher Connie Engels, Oliver Porteus, Kerth Miller, Sean Horner, Dave Everett, John Roebuck, Wes Harkins and FESS principal Fred Louws.

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JOSEPH BURD/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

The Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre hosted the 21st annual Mid-Winter Pow Wow on Saturday. The event, which featured drummers, singers and dancers, saw more than 100 people celebrate their heritage through song and dance.

SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

Terri Phillips and Ida Nambeya were the guest speakers at the International WomenÕs Day Networking Luncheon Friday, March 4, 2016 in Fort Erie, Ont.

HONOR ROLL

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1895
The Fort Erie Times
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1909
Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School
576 Ridge Road, Ridgeway
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ridgewayhs.dsbn.org

1918
WILLSON INTERNATIONAL
905-871-1310
1264 Garrison Rd #2 Fort Erie, Ontario

1926
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71
905-871-9566
130 Garrison Road, Fort Erie

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April

Town staff admitted it "dropped the ball" on how the design of new LED streetlights in downtown Ridgeway would appear. The Ridgeway BIA made a presentation to council with concerns over the project.

The Fort Erie Public Library welcomed its newest staff member, children's and teen librarian, Karissa Fast.

Former Town of Fort Erie chief administrative officer, Harry Schlange, announced he would be resigning as CAO at the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

The provincial government announced it would be committing $250,000 to Fort Erie's bike trail system, which will allow for a three-kilometre extension along the Niagara Parkway.

The Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce presented its board of directors for 2016-17.

May

Town council approved an $85,000 expenditure on a pavilion at Bay Beach, part of a large rejuvenation project planned at the site.

The Fort Erie SPCA and the Town of Fort Erie were able to settle differences between both parties and agree to a new three-year contract.

The Ridgeway Farmers' Market in downtown Ridgeway reopened for another season with dozens of vendors participating.

Community Living Fort Erie held its March for Inclusion, an annual event that raises awareness about people with intellectual disabilities and the roles they play in the community.

The Fort Erie Race Track welcomed two new faces, media and marketing manager, Antonietta Petrella, as well as its new announcer, Frank Sallve. The track also opened for a 110th season.

The Embrace Greatness campaign held a fundraiser for a planned arts theatre at Greater Fort Erie Secondary School, expected to be complete this September. The event, 'Hollywood North – Party on the Patio,' featured live entertainment and was attended by hundreds of people.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation District recently donated $500 toward the Embrace Greatness Centre for the Arts fundraising efforts. The money will be used to help construct a new theatre that will be built along with Fort Erie's high school, Greater Fort Erie Secondary School, set to open in September 2017. From left, representing Ridgeway-Crystal Beach and Fort Erie Secondary Schools, are students Ryan Bell and Alison Pridham and teachers Doug Gilmour and Sarah Galas.

SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

Fort Erie's Matthew Stuffels repurposed three old bicycles into what he calls a triple cycle0the bodies of three old bicycles stacked on top of each otherówith help from his friend, welder Will Martin. Stuffels took the bike for the a spin for the first time in April.

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The Ridgeway Farmers' Market returned to downtown Ridgeway.

HONOR ROLL

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1927
Fort Erie Secondary School
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905-871-4610
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1929
KIRKPATRICK STONEWORKS
1267 Garrison Rd., Fort Erie
905-871-5558
www.kirkpatrickmonuments.com

1938
Rebstock's Insurance Office
210 Ridgeway Road Crystal Beach
905-894-2974

1942
Jones, Jamieson & Redekop
Barristers & Solicitors
288 Ridge Road, Ridgeway
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1952
Peacock School of Dance
905-871-5855
1731 Dominion Road, Fort Erie
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Old Fort Erie relived its history on the weekend. Spectators were invited to watch re-enactors commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Fenian Raids on Saturday and Sunday. The event included lectures, living history camps and military demonstrations.

The annual Friendship Festival was held but not on Canada Day weekend. It took place during the third week of July and was enjoyed by many.

The Niagara parks Commission revealed that it would be heading back to the drawing board with its plans to revitalize the Miller's Creek Marina, a project that has seen a number of ups and downs since 2006.

Owners of the former Rose Seaton Public School were introduced to the community. The two China-based corporations explained they would be opening the facility as a Montessori-style preschool.

The 81st run of the Prince of Wales Stakes was held at the Fort Erie Race Track. The track took in $2 million in wagering throughout the race day.

The Central Avenue Bridge Replacement took a major step when the new structure was lid into place using new

and innovative construction technology.

August

The Niagara Parks Commission held the 31st annual Siege Weekend at Old Fort Erie, an event enjoyed by history enthusiasts from many parts of the U.S. and Canada.

The Fort Erie Music Fest was held at Waterfront Park in Crystal Beach, a free event that showcases local talent and supports various causes in town.

Former Fort Erie Racetrack announcer Daryl Wells, Sr. is inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame.

May Wah, a popular Chinese restaurant located on the Niagara closed its doors following the death of Eddie Cheu. The decision to shut down was made by the Cheu family.

The Fort Erie Jr. B Meteors hire Todd Clayton as their newest head coach.

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2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

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905-871-5855
1731 Dominion Road, Fort Erie
www.peacockschoolofdance.ca

1953
Intercede INTERNATIONAL
201 Stanton, Fort Erie
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1958
nigh's sweet shop
905-382-2511
3757 Netherby Road, Stevensville

1961
Green Acres Family Restaurant
1554 Garrison Rd., Fort Erie
905-871-1212

1967
F8 FATE
31 Jarvis Street, Fort Erie
905-871-4411

1969
Jack Shaw's Green Acres Service
Corner of Garrison & Pettit Roads, Fort Erie
905-871-1816

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Fort Erie's Romeo Daley says he is proud to be a member of the Order of St. George. Daley was knighted into the order along with 33 other people at the Church of St. Bartholomew in Ottawa during a ceremony that was held in the spring.

KRIS DUBÉ/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Helen Rodas walks her Yorkies Cisco and Paco along the Friendship Trail in Fort Erie on Sunday. The local SPCA held its annual Walk-A-Thon, an annual fundraiser.

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1971
FINLAYSON TIRE
AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE CENTRE
1200 GILMORE ROAD, FORT ERIE
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905-871-2905

1971
Marr Electric Motor Service
50 Klauck Street, Fort Erie
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1973
Tim Hortons
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141 Garrison Rd., 1167 Garrison Rd., Fort Erie & 2780 Stevensville Rd., Stevensville

1976
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FAMILY DENTISTRY
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2519 Stevensville Rd., Stevensville

1994
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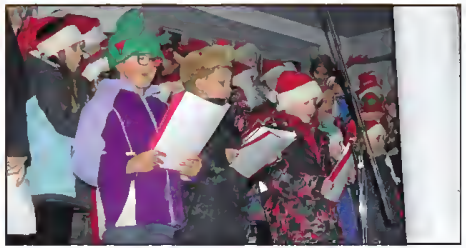

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November

Council votes to commit $25,000 to the CN 6218 steam engine located behind the Central Avenue Fire Hall. The amount will come from a fund already set aside for the long-awaited refurbishment project.

The annual Santa Claus Parade is held with a slightly new route, starting down Henrietta Street rather than Catherine Street due to infrastructure work currently taking place.

The new Central Avenue Bridge, a nearly $17-million project, opened to traffic.

The synthetic turf at Greater Fort Erie Secondary School was shown to members during a media event.

The Niagara Region declared it was successful in its application for an $850,000 grant to support the Bay Beach revitalization project, which has a total price tag of more than $2 million.

Deputy fire chief announces his retirement, which will take effect in April, 2017.

December

A 39-year-old man was killed in a head-on collision in Welland. A 51-year-old Mississauga man was charged with impaired driving causing death and impaired driving causing bodily harm. A 34-year-old female passenger also suffered serious injuries.

Town council began the process of approving the Fort Erie Hills subdivision at the current Rio Vista Golf Course. The residential development would be the largest in Fort Erie's history, said town staff.

The annual Spirit of Christmas celebration took over downtown Ridgeway for two days.

The Town of Fort Erie announced that fire chief Larry Coplen was no longer employed and that his position would be filled temporarily by Deputy Chief Keith German, who had already announced he would be retiring from the fire service in April, 2017.

1994
Ridgeway Downtown Dollar store
336 Ridge Road, Ridgeway
905-894-5566

1998
ATRIUM SPA
(905) 871-4141
www.theatriumspa.com

2003
Jesse & Kelly's nofrills lower food prices
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winexpert
2005
Goodness Grapes
66 Idylewylde Place, Fort Erie
905-994-9463
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2005
Old Bank Bistro
41 Jarvis St. Fort Erie
www.oldbankbistro.com

2010
Performance Plus Car Care Centre
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INVITATION TO APPLY TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY ON A BOARD OR COMMITTEE

The Town of Fort Erie is served not only by elected officials but by volunteers as well through appointment to its various boards and committees. The Town is looking for people who have an interest in contributing to their community.

To be eligible for appointment to a board or committee, you must be a resident in the Town of Fort Erie, or the owner or tenant of land, or the spouse of such owner or tenant, a Canadian citizen, and at least 18 years old*. The Clerk is accepting applications for the vacancies that exist on the following boards/committees:

Barrier-Free

Accessibility Advisory Committee
1 vacancy for a person with a disability pursuant to *Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*

Flowers/Beautification

Communities-In-Bloom Committee
4 vacancies

Gaming

Community Gaming Development Corporation
1 Board vacancy

Books/Movies/Internet

Fort Erie Public Library
1 Board vacancy pursuant to Public Libraries Act; must be Town of Fort Erie resident

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Youth - Ages: 13-21*

Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee
8 vacancies

History/Conservation

Museum & Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee
1 vacancy

Zoomers 50+

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
1 vacancy for a representative from each of the following:
Dandi-Lions,
Black Creek Leisure Homes,
Italo Canadian Seniors,
Native Friendship Centre Seniors

For more information and the application form, please visit the Town's website www.forterie.ca - Government – Boards & Committees

Submissions will be accepted by the Clerk **on or before Thursday, February 9, 2017 by 4:00 p.m.**
via: 1 Email: lbubanko@forterie.ca
2. Mail or hand delivery to: Town of Fort Erie, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6

Cheryl Watson, Legislative Assistant, welcomes enquiries at 905-871-1600 ext. 2212 or via email: cwatson@forterie.ca

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Laura Bubanko, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk, Town of Fort Erie

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Freedom returns to bald eagle

MICHELLE ALLENBERG
Postmedia Network

After a journey from Ottawa and months of rehabilitation, a bald eagle flew free last Sunday morning at Chippawa Creek Conservation Centre in Wellandport.

In October the young female was found in Ottawa with a fish hook in her stomach and three pellet shots in her body.

The eagle also had two soft fractures. She received medical treatment in Ottawa at the Wild Bird Centre before heading to The Owl Foundation in Vineland for rehabilitation.

The foundation's zoologist and wildlife rehabilitator, Annick Gionet Rollick, said there was concern about the fish hook in the bird's stomach, but there was no need for surgery. At some point after initial X-rays the bird spit up the hook.

"Most birds of prey, when they consume prey they consume them whole and the bones and fur are coughed back up. So, we suspect the fish hook got caught up in some of this material ... and was able to be evacuated safely," Gionet Rollick said.

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MICHELLE ALLENBERG/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

The Owl Foundation zoologist and wildlife rehabilitator Annick Gionet Rollick steps back as a bald eagle flias free from a crate at Chippawa Creek Conservation Centre in Wellandport Sunday.

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ATTENTION ALL MOTORISTS

Residents are reminded that **no overnight winter parking** is permitted in the Town of Fort Erie between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November 1 through March 31 of the following year. The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be enforcing Traffic By-law No. 2000-89.

The fine for this offence is $40.00 and in addition, your vehicle may be towed at your expense.

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TENDER FOR 2017 ASPHALT PATCHING PROGRAM

CONTRACT NO. ISO-17T-ASPHPA

The Town of Fort Erie is seeking tender submissions from qualified bidders for the 2017 Asphalt Patching Program. This work includes the application of hot mixed asphalt (HL3HS, HL8HS and HL3F), base repairs, asphalt milling, and sidewalk and curb repair, on municipal roadways, parks, parking lots and residential driveways.

Sealed tenders addressed to Laura Bubanko, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk, will be received by the Customer Service Unit (CSU) at 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario until:

2:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME on: WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8th, 2017

All formal competitive bid opportunities are posted at www.biddingo.com/forterie and effective Thursday, January 18th, 2017, tender documents can either be purchased from the Town Hall, Infrastructure Services upon payment of twenty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents. ($28.25) or viewed at the Niagara Construction Association Offices located at 34 Scott Street, St. Catharines, Ontario.

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

SUBMIT YOUR EVENT!!!

Are you organizing an event in Fort Erie from March to September 2017? Does your event benefit the Fort Erie community? Is it open to all members of the public? If so, we want to include it in our **NEW Community Guide!**

DUE BY JAN. 31

Quick Facts about the NEW Community Guide...

- Distributed to over 13,000 Fort Erie households
- **NEW** One-stop-shop for municipal services, recreational & community programs, special events and more!
- **NEW** Published semi-annually (Spring/Summer & Fall/Winter)
- **NEW** Includes detailed community programming from local organizations

To submit you event details or to see if your event is eligible, please visit www.forterie.ca or contact Janine Tessmer (jtessmer@forterie.ca or 905-871-1600, ext. 2217).

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MICHELLE ALLENBERG/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

A bald eagle is transferred into a crate at The Owl Foundation in Vineland on Sunday to be taken to Chippawa Creek Conservation Centre in Wellandport for release.

Bald eagle soars free

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Specialists decided to leave the pellets in the body because they aren't a concern to the health of the eagle. Gionet Rollick said it would cause more damage to the animal and the bird's ability to fly if surgery was performed.

The eagle was transported to Niagara because the Ottawa centre didn't have space required to properly rehabilitate it.

With the approval of Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, The Owl Foundation chose to release the bald eagle at Chippawa Creek Conservation Centre, because it offers a large natural area, including water sources and nesting areas.

"There's a nice creek bed she can follow if she wants to, it's a lot more quiet, so hopefully she will be able to get her bearings and figure things out," Gionet Rollick said. "Hopefully this is where she wants to be in the next year."

Gionet Rollick said there about two or three other bald eagle nest sites in Niagara. She hopes the newcomer will adapt and not bother the other eagles in the area.

"Being a juvenile she will have a lot of give. When they recognize that she is not a mature eagle they won't be as aggressive with her," she said.

It is illegal to hunt bald eagles. People who are convicted of killing, injuring or interfering with bald eagles under Ontario's Endangered Species Act could receive a fine up to $50,000.

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JUMP ON BOARD THE NEW TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Do you use or do you know someone who uses Fort Erie transit regularly? Do you want to be part of the change and make a difference in your community?The Clerk is accepting applications from residents, business owners/operators or taxpayers to sit on the new Transit Advisory Committee (TAC). This new Committee will assess, advise and provide input on transit issues.

6 vacancies
2 regular users of Fort Erie Transit conventional services
1 regular user of Fort Erie Specialized Transit (FAST) services
1 post-secondary student who is a regular user of Inter-municipal Transit
Up to 2 Community member(s) at large

For more information and the application form, please visit the Town's website: **www.forterie.ca** -Government – Boards & Committees

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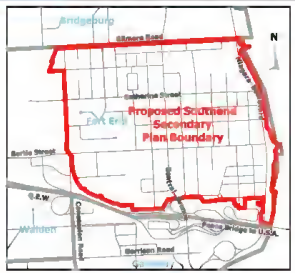
PUBLIC NOTICE INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

SOUTHEND SECONDARY PLAN
(PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT #32)

DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017
TIME: 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
LOCATION: DOUGLAS HEIGHTS SENIORS CENTRE 265 HIGH STREET, FORT ERIE, ON L2A 3R4



IMPORTANT
If you live within the proposed Secondary Plan Area identified within the red boundary on the above map, it is important that you read this notice fully to decide if you wish to comment.
Town Council has not made a decision on the proposed Secondary Plan.

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT YOU?
As a property owner in the Plan Area you should consider the following:

- Permitted land uses for certain properties are being considered for change. **A land owner whose property is being considered for a change to permitted land uses will receive a letter with this notice directly stating this point.**
- A proposed policy or zoning change could impact the manner in which your property or neighbouring properties can develop in the future

PROVIDING YOUR COMMENTS OR GETTING MORE INFORMATION
Commenting on the Draft Secondary Plan is encouraged. You can provide input by calling or writing the Town. You are also invited to attend the meeting to speak with staff on hand.
If you wish further information please contact Chris Millar with the contact information below, or visit the Town's website at www.forterie.ca Type *"Southend Secondary Plan"* in the search option at the top of the main page.

CONTACT INFORMATION
For comments to be considered before Planning staff prepares draft policies, draft land use and zoning plans, your written submission should be provided on or before Friday, February 17, 2017 to:

Chris Millar, MCIP, RPP, Neighbourhood Planner,
Planning and Development Services Department,
Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive,
Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 2S6 905-871-1600, ext. 2503

Or by e-mailing your comments to: cmillar@forterie.ca
There will be additional opportunity to comment during the formal stages of proceeding this amendment. However, we encourage early comment and inquiry that may help staff to continually assess the development of a Draft Secondary Plan.

WHAT THIS SECONDARY PLAN ATTEMPTS TO DO
A Secondary Plan forms part of the Official Plan and directs how a neighbourhood/ community will grow over the long term relative to the location and various forms of land use, such as future changes to residential, commercial, open space and environmental protection, and how these relate to the community's structure and existing or established developed area. The Plan must also take into account Provincial and Regional policy and any requirements relating to growth management that have resulted from newer policy directives. Changes to the designated land use on certain properties within the Plan area may also result in changes to the zoning for those respective properties. The Zoning By-law, which identifies what uses are permitted [illegible] Secondary Plan's implementation.

WHO APPROVES THE PLAN?
Town Council adopts the Secondary Plan and then forwards it to Niagara Region. Regional Council is the final approval authority for the Secondary Plan, unless the Region delegates final approval authority back to the Town prior to adoption.
Town of Fort Erie Council is the final approval authority for any subsequent implementing zoning by-law amendments. The Zoning does not require Regional approval.

FUTURE NOTICE REQUESTS
This Public Information Open House is being conducted to allow public and stakeholders with an opportunity to meet with Planning staff prior to preparation of the draft Official Plan and draft Comprehensive Zoning By-law Amendments.
The statutory Public Meeting required under the Planning Act will be scheduled for a future date, after a final draft of the Secondary Plan has been prepared for formal circulation. If you wish to receive notice of the Public Meeting, you are requested to provide your name and a current e-mail address or mailing address where the Notice is to be sent.
If the Town is proposing changes to the designation or zoning of your lands **you will only receive the Initial Notice advising you of the potential change. It is up to the property owner to advise the Town if they wish to continue to receive notification on future meetings.**
Please use the contact information above to notify Chris Millar of the preferred notice option. Staff would kindly request you consider e-mail delivery as preferred choice.

A STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING REQUIRED UNDER THE PLANNING ACT WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR A LATER DATE. THIS MEETING IS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO INTERESTED PERSONS AND SOLICIT FEEDBACK FOR CONSIDERATION BY STAFF PRIOR TO THE DRAFT BEING PREPARED.
Dated this 19th day of January, 2017

Laura Babanko, CMO Dipl M.A.
Manager Legislative Services/Clerk

Richard F. Brady MA, RPP, MCIP
Director of Planning and Development Services

Woman injured in 10-vehicle grocery store crash

ALLAN BENNER
Postmedia Network

A 53-year-old woman is in serious condition at hospital following a 10-vehicle collision at the Food Basics store in Port Colborne Sunday.

The collision occurred at about 12:45 p.m. in the parking lot of the grocery store at 124 Clarence St. Niagara Regional Police say a 70-year-old Port Colborne man lost control of the 2000 Ford Windstar minivan he was driving, striking nine other vehicles as well as the 53-year-old woman who was walking to her vehicle at the time.

The woman, also from Port Colborne, sustained serious injuries in the collision and was taken to local hospital by Niagara Emergency Medical Services paramedics.

The driver of the van and his 70-year-old female passenger were taken to hospital as a precaution and later released.

Food Basics manager Jeff Millejours said the parking lot was clear of ice at the time, and the vehicle involved were not sliding on the pavement, including a vehicle that came to rest against the wall of the grocery store.

"The vehicle that ended up against the building was pushed by the van," said Millejours, who had left the grocery store only a few minutes before the collision occurred.

He said an off-duty emergency worker carrying a red medical bag was the first to arrive, "far ahead of everybody."

"To me he looked like either a fireman or a paramedic," Millejours said, adding he was impressed by the almost immediate response.

"It only took literally 30 seconds to happen, and he was there on scene right away."

Port Colborne deputy Chief Mike Bendia said Cpt. Wayne Benner and a second firefighter were across the road from the parking lot and witnessed the crash.

"(They) radioed for NRP and EMS and went across the street with their medical bags and started helping people," Bendia said.

He said Benner was on Elm Street at the time likely checking the condition of properties in the area, when the crash occurred.

"It was a fluke that we were there," Bendia said.

As other emergency workers arrived, the firefighters remained on scene to assist. Benner also provided a statement to police as a witness to the collision.

Niagara EMS also confirmed that an off-duty paramedic was present when the crash occurred, and immediately offered assistance to the injured woman.

Primary care paramedic Darlene Holmberg was across the road from the parking lot, and rushed to the scene when she saw the commotion.

"All I saw were police officers on scene and a couple firefighters. And they recognized me right away as a paramedic," said Holmberg, who joined Niagara EMS in 2009.

Because no other medical personnel had arrived yet, Holmberg got to work.

"I was able to assess the patient and find out some of her injuries," she said. "I kept her calm, and kept her still until the on-duty paramedics came."

When you're an emergency worker, Holmberg said "you're always ready to jump in" regardless of whether or not you're on duty at the time.

Millejours said police remained at the scene investigating the crash until late Sunday, and he was expecting them to return Monday.

Although most of the parking lot was closed to traffic following the crash, the store remained open during the police investigation.

"It's a serious situation, that's for sure," Millejours said. "Especially after it happened at The Bargain! Shop a month ago."

He was referring to a multi-vehicle collision about a block away that sent a car through the windows of The Bargain! Shop in early December.

In the aftermath of the collision, Millejours' thoughts were with the woman who was injured.

"There was a lot of vehicle damage, but I'm just hoping that the lady that was hit is OK," he said.

No information has been provided about why the 70-year-old driver of the van lost control of the vehicle.

Detectives from the NRP's collision reconstruction unit are continuing to investigate the crash.

Police ask any witnesses to call detectives at 905-688-4111 ext. 5500.

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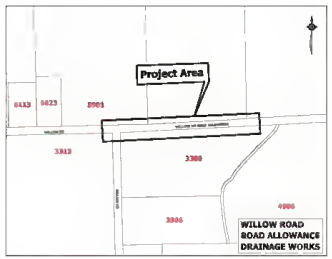
CONSTRUCTION: CONTRACT NO. ISE-16Q-WILLOW
WILLOW ROAD DRAINAGE WORKS

CONSTRUCTION START: January 2017



PROJECT SCOPE:
The work includes brushing and ditching along the unopen road allowance portion of Willow Road to create a new drainage outlet for future roadside ditching along Willow Road.

WHAT TO EXPECT (During Construction):
At times there may be some inconvenience to you during the construction period and we respectfully request your patience and co-operation during this period.

Due to the scope of the work involved, Willow Road may have lane closures during the installation of the road cross culvert.

CONSTRUCTION CONTACT:
Town of Fort Erie Staff: Phone: 905-671-1600
Dave Maiden, Drainage Superintendent
Phone Ext. 2405

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✔ Keep space heaters away from curtains and other flammable materials.
✔ Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home and outside each bedroom, and test batteries monthly

Region's CAO joins NPCA lawsuit

BILL SAWCHUK
POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Niagara's top bureaucrat has joined Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority in a defamation lawsuit against a local activist.

Carmen D'Angelo and the conservation authority are each seeking $100,000 from St. Catharines resident Ed Smith. The lawsuit was filed at the end of December.

D'Angelo left the conservation authority in the fall to take the CAO's position at Niagara Region.

"It is my intent to defend myself against this action to the fullest extent," Smith said. "I have said it before and I will say it now — this is governance run amok.

"That any government in Canada can sue a citizen for defamation, or even believes that it should, speaks of arrogance and a complete lack of understanding of the true principles of our democracy. The NPCA is using taxpayer funding to sue a citizen."

Smith has distributed a report that accuses the conservation authority of questionable practices and conflicts of interest.

The 45-page document, which is titled A Call for Accountability at the NPCA, made its way to Niagara regional councillors and the media in the late summer and early fall.

D'Angelo's assistant referred a call seeking comment on the lawsuit to the conservation authority.

Michael Reles, a communications specialist with NPCA, said the authority cannot comment on matters of ongoing litigation.

NPCA lawyer Robert Burns, of Broderick & Partners in Niagara Falls — he is also representing D'Angelo — sent Smith a letter of notice Nov. 14 with a list of demands.

The letter demands Smith deliver a full and unqualified written apology for distributing the report. A second demand asks Smith to provide NPCA a written undertaking confirming he will not distribute the document to anyone else or make similar statements about NPCA in the future. And, the letter demands Smith provide the identity of the authors of the report.

"I remain steadfast in my pursuit of transparency, accountability and good governance at the NPCA, and I will not be intimidated by lawsuits," Smith said in a news release.

"Let the leadership of the NPCA (our elected regional councillors) be held accountable. (Chairman) Bruce Timms claims the NPCA is a model of transparency and accountability. The upcoming court case will certainly cast some light on that."

Smith has been calling for an audit of the authority. So have most of Niagara's municipalities including the big three, St. Catharines, Welland and Niagara Falls.

The three veteran provincial politicians — Cindy Forster and Wayne Gates of the NDP, and Liberal Jim Bradley — are on board. Niagara's newest MPP, Sam Oosterhoff of the Progressive Conservatives, took his seat in the legislature at the end of November, and has added his voice to the call for an audit.

"I agree with the need for an appropriately thorough investigation, be it a forensic or value-for-money audit," Oosterhoff said. "Taxpayers deserve transparency and accountability, and an audit would provide an opportunity to answer some of the questions raised about the financial and human resource management of the NPCA."

One political body in Niagara that hasn't called for an audit of the conservation authority in the wake of the report is regional council.

Members of regional council fill 11 of the 15 positions on the conservation authority's board of directors. Timms represents St. Catharines at the Region, Port Erie Coun. Sandy Annunziata is NPCA vice-chairman.

Timms has spent months maintaining a forensic audit is a waste of money because the conservation authority already provides audited financial statements and operational aspects are covered in minutes of board meetings, which are publicly available.

However, two weeks ago, Timms said the NPCA board will likely debate whether to order a third-party audit of its practices at its next board meeting, Jan. 19.

While still maintaining there are better ways for NPCA to spend its money, Timms said there could be value in from an third-party audit as the agency begins to form its next strategic plan. NPCA is heading into its final year of a four-year strategic plan.

The controversial 45-page report on activities at NPCA was issued after Smith addressed regional council and detailed his concerns about the conservation authority in May.

Regional council, which collects Niagara's $7-million portion of the yearly bill from taxpayers for NPCA, turned down a motion for an audit.

Following the meeting, Regional Chairman Alan Caslin wrote a letter of apology for Smith's presentation on behalf of council to NPCA chairman Timms.

Timms has said Smith's presentation was filled with misinformation and contained libelous and defamatory statements that impugned the integrity of NPCA and its board.

In an earlier interview, Smith, 54, a retired major in the Canadian Air Force, said there isn't any "malice" in the document, which calls for NPCA to be more open and accountable.

He said he is a concerned citizen. He and an informal group of activists have been filing Freedom of information requests and collecting information about the inner workings of NPCA.

NPCA's mandate is to manage the impact of human activities, urban growth and rural activities on the Niagara watershed, encompassing the entire Niagara region and portions of Hamilton and Haldimand County.

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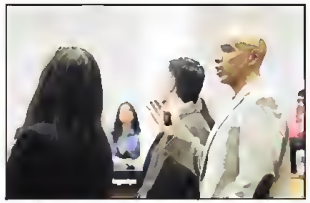
Carmen D'Angelo



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Sunday worship service 11:00 am; only minutes to Sodom Rd, Ft. Erie, just north of Stevensville, QEW exits 16 & 17.

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ATKINS SPEAR, Penny passed away suddenly on Monday, January 9th, 2017 in her 66th year. Beloved mother and best friend to Tracie Atkins. Dear sister to Doug Atkins (Nancy). Predeceased by her parents John and Helen Atkins, brother Robert Atkins (Karen) and sister Bonnie Gibson. She will be lovingly remembered by her nieces, nephews, co-workers, and extended family and friends. In keeping with Penny's wishes cremation has taken place and her family will be holding a Celebration of Life at the Crystal Beach Fire Hall, Sat. January 21st at 11am. In lieu of flowers, if you wish, food and monetary donations to the Fort Erie SPCA will be accepted.

BRISCOE, Sue - On Friday January 13th, 2017, Sue passed away peacefully at the Greater Niagara General Hospital at the age of 77. She is predeceased by her husband Joe. She is survived by her son Frank Boyer (Debbie), her grandchildren Carl Boyer and Patti (Jordan) Leurdijk, her great grandson Noah and her long-time companion Vince Zimmerman. Sue was the past president of the Ridgway Lioness and the Women's Institute and an elder of First United Church, Sherkston. A service to celebrate Sue's life will be held on Saturday January 21st, 2017 at First United Church, Sherkston at 11 am. In memory of Sue, those who wish may donate to Hamilton Health Sciences or to the SPCA.

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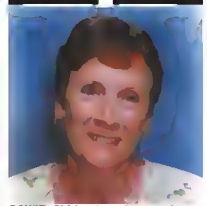

COWIE, Shirley (nee Cameron) - It is with deep sadness the family of Shirley Cowie announces her passing on Friday, January 13, 2017 in her 82nd year. She is survived by her husband of 60 years Charles. Mourning her passing are her son Philip (Rosa), granddchildren Sarah and Ben, daughter Pamela (Gerry), grand-dogs Star Dooji, sister Mollie (Peter, deceased) and nieces Denise, Patrice and Shonah (Enzo) and their families. She is predeceased by her parents Mary Jane and Gordon Douglas Cameron, brothers William (Norma) and Gordon (Ethel) Cameron. Shirley was born on October 5, 1935 in Aberdeen, Scotland. She emigrated to Canada in July 1957 with her husband Charles. They landed in Montreal and settled in Welland later moving to Port Colborne and then Ridgeway. Shirley worked for Bell Canada for over 20 years and in her retirement enjoyed travelling to many countries around the world. She lived her life to the fullest with the philosophy "do not put off until tomorrow what you could do today". Shirley was a member of People's Memorial United Church, Ridgeway, Whiskey Run Golf Course, and a supporter of the Ridgeway Lions and Lionesses Club. In keeping with Shirley's wishes, cremation has taken place. A funeral mass will be celebrated at People's Memorial United Church Ridgeway on Thursday January 19, 2017 at 11 o'clock. Gathering to follow in the church hall. If desired, donations can be made to People's Memorial United Church Ridgeway or the Fort Erie SPCA.

STRONG, Larry Steven - Larry passed away suddenly at home on December 20th, 2016 at the age of 73. Proud father of Steven (Kim) Hoover and cherished grandfather of Morgan. Survived by his sister Patty and brother Jim and many nieces and nephews. In keeping with Larry's wishes cremation has taken place and a family celebration will occur in the spring at a time and location to be determined. If so desired, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** Fort Erie.

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THORNTON, Arthur Roy -passed away suddenly on January 11, 2017 at McCausland Hospital in Terrace Bay, ON in his 82nd year. He was born in Windsor, ON on Nov 16, 1934. Beloved husband to Doreen, loving brother to Frank (Debbie) father of Linda (Rick), Sharon (Gary), Kenneth, Stacy, William, Dawn (Phil), Michael (Shannon). Roy is predeceased by 2 sisters, Janet and Pearl, and 2 grandsons, Ryan and Jason. He will be lovingly remembered by 20 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. He is fondly remembered by many sister and brother-in-laws and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Lung Assoc would be appreciated. A private Celebration of Life to be held at a later date. *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things have passed away. Rev.21 verse 4*

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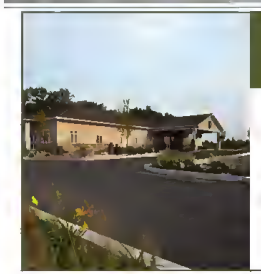

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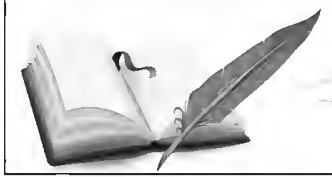

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